[*English*]

Fund for Tourists Facilities at Ooty and Kodeikanal

5253 DR V RAJESHWARAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to provide funds for providing facilities to tourists visiting the hill stations of Ooty and Kodeikanal in Tamil Nadu

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) to (c) Provision of tourist infrastructural facilities at any place is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments However the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance for specific projects received dependent upon availability of funds their merits and inter se priorities For the year 1991 92 the Central Department of Tourism had identified the projects for augmentation of infrastructural facilities at Ooty and Kodaikanal In the absence of complete project proposals from the State Government it has not been possible to sanction these projects

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Lying Cables in Bombay.

5254 SHRI DEVENDER PRASAD YADAV
SHRI RAM BADAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether irregularities have been noticed by the Government in laying the telephone cables from Sayan to Baddala and Sayan to Ghatkopar in Bombay,

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Government or proposed against the persons found guilty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No irregularities have been noticed in laying of telephone cables from Sion(Sayan) to Wadala(Baddala) and Sion to Ghatkopar in Bombay

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above

Regularisation of E.D. Employees

5255 SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND
SHRI G M C BALAYOGI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to regularise the services of extra Departmental employees working under Department of Posts

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) to (c) The Extra Departmental Agents are governed by rules framed under the authority of the Government of India In recognition of their association with this Department, they are given preferential treatment in the matter of recruitment in Group D' and Postmen cadres and such ED agents as get recruited automatically get all the benefits applicable to the